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DEAN'S CORNER



Greetings from the beautiful NWHC, a vibrant part of Prairie View A&M University serving the higher education needs of citizens of northwest Houston. I hope you are enjoying your summer.

We are coming to the end of a busy academic year and an eventful spring 2017 semester. The number of students taking courses at the NWHC has grown steadily; these students are spread across nearly ten different graduate and undergraduate programs offered at the NWHC. If you visit the Center on a weekday evening after 5:30 pm, you will find the parking lot to be full with some cars parking in the rear of the building. The registration for summer and fall 2017 has begun – the numbers are looking strong especially for fall semester. Projections indicate that we may decisively break through the 9,000 student number and perhaps even exceed 9,500 students. Students, please help us reach these numbers by registering early for your courses, and encourage your friends to also register early.

Although, NWHC scholarship is available during regular semesters only, we normally have some leftover funds to support a few students – those who are graduating in August or December this year, and those in the undergraduate degree-completion programs. The scholarship criteria has been revised. The goal is to ensure that a larger number of incoming students are able to benefit from these scholarships.

We continue to work to increase and enhance student services at the NWHC. The fitness center has been open for the past year. The state of the art equipment comes with television, music, and other gadgets. Supported by a student fee, the fitness room is free for PVAMU students. We have begun to offer group exercise classes, and some of these are available free of charge to students, staff and faculty, so stay tuned. We are in the process of hiring student workers who will be available to help out in the fitness room.

The bookstore with limited hours has been doing more business – selling textbooks, hot food items and other items of interest to the students.

We continue to be welcoming to the area community. In November 2016, the NWHC once again served as a center for early voting for Harris County residents. Nearly 25,000 voters took advantage of the facility to cast their votes. On the last day, the lines extended around the building. We also hosted a highly successful breakfast networking meeting for the Houston Northwest Chamber of Commerce. These programs reflect the NWHC's commitment to be engaged with the local community, and the impact the Center has on the visibility and branding of Prairie View A&M University. The Pinning Ceremonies in fall and spring were well received, with speakers speaking to houseful of students and families. Prairie View Mayor David Allen and former mayor Frank Jackson were featured speakers for these two events.

Based on a recent survey of students, we have made a number of improvements in the facilities. An electronic newsletter is produced and shared on a bi-weekly basis. We have increased the number of continuing education courses, including Princeton Review SAT preparation, Six Sigma, PMP project management and Becker CPA review. For the facility, the HVAC unit was replaced with a new unit which has eliminated the frequent breakdowns of the past. The hand towel dispensers in the restrooms are slated for replacement with motion sensitive dispensers. The computer labs were upgraded last year, and we have graduate assistants who serve as lab monitors. Tutors are now available for a number of programs, and on a limited basis we offer proctoring services.

To increase awareness of this campus, we have offered space to area businesses for meetings and other programs. This has been successful as a large number of vendors have taken advantage. In student satisfaction surveys, we appreciate the positive comments made regarding staff responsiveness and friendliness. Your feedback is always welcome. I wish you a productive and restful summer, and look forward to welcoming you back in the fall semester.

Sincerely,
Dr. Munir Quddus
Dean and Associate Provost
Dean College of Business
Associate Provost NWHC
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Pinning Ceremony Record Attendance Students & Guests



Alumni Initiation Pinning Ceremony



The Alumni Initiation Pinning Ceremony is designed to serve as a bridge from student to alumnus and recognizes graduating seniors for the current semester. Vital information such as the importance of giving back to the university is also disseminated.

Highlights of the evening include remarks from an alumnus, a National Alumni Association Representative, and candidates receive their official alumni lapel pin, the ceremony concludes with a reception. Attending the pinning ceremony is not a mandatory part of graduation. It is also not a substitute for the commencement program on the main campus.

The Pin is a 1" diameter die struck custom antique brass lapel pin. It is an exclusive item and cannot be ordered outside the program. It is not distributed outside the ceremony, meaning, in order to receive the pin, graduates must attend the pinning services and take the oath. The Alumni pin should be worn on the left at commencement and at alumni events.

**Next Initiation—August 8th
5:00 pm**





Farewell to Dr. George C. Wright Seventh President of Prairie View A&M University

Dr. George C. Wright, the seventh President of Prairie View A&M University, the second oldest public institution of higher education in Texas, stepped down from his position to devote more time to teaching and research. Prior to joining the Prairie View A&M University family, Dr. Wright was Executive Vice-President for academic affairs and provost at the University of Texas at Arlington. Prior to assuming that post, he was provost and vice president for academic affairs with increasing responsibilities from 1995 to 1998.

In 1993, he joined the faculty at Duke University as vice provost for university programs and director of the Afro-American studies program at Duke University. At Duke, he also held the William R. Kenan, Jr., Chair in American History. From 1980 to 1993, he served as an assistant professor, associate professor, professor, and was the holder of the Mastin Gentry White Professorship of Southern History, and vice prov-

ost for undergraduate education at the University of Texas at Austin. His wealth of experience in higher education began as an assistant professor at the University of Kentucky in 1977.

Dr. Wright has been the recipient of numerous fellowships, grants and awards. At the University of Texas at Austin, he received the Jean Holloway Award for Teaching Excellence, the "Eyes of Texas" Award for excellence in service and the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Award for "Outstanding Black Faculty Member." He was awarded the Andrew W. Mellon Faculty Fellowship at Harvard University and was the Friar Society Centennial Fellow for Teaching Excellence, the Silver Spurs Centennial Teaching Fellow and the Lillian and Tom B. Rhodes Centennial Teaching Fellow at the University of Texas at Austin.

Dr. Wright is the author of three books, which include: *A History of Blacks in Kentucky: In Pursuit of Equality, 1890-1980, Volume II*; *Racial Violence in Kentucky, 1865-1940: Lynchings, Mob Rule, and "Legal Lynchings"*, and *the Life Behind a Veil: Blacks in Louisville, Kentucky, 1865-1930*. He was presented the Governors Award by the Kentucky Historical Society for *Lynchings, Mob Rule, and "Legal Lynchings"*, and *the Life Behind a Veil: Blacks in Louisville, Kentucky*. He currently has another book in progress, a biography of Robert Charles O'Hara Benjamin: A "Forgotten" Afro-American Leader and has published numerous articles, chapters in books and essays.

Active in his community, Dr. Wright has served as a member of the Board of Directors of the City of Arlington Chamber Foundations and the Medical Center of Arlington. He has also served as a member of the Editorial Board for the Southern Biography Series at Louisiana State University, the Board of Editors of the *Journal of Southern History* and the Southern Historical Association Program Committee. A native of Lexington, Kentucky, Dr. Wright received his bachelor and Master of Arts degrees in history from the University of Kentucky and his doctorate in history from Duke University. In 2004 Dr. Wright was awarded an honorary doctorate of Letters from the University of Kentucky. Biography reprinted from <http://www.pvamu.edu/president/about-the-president/>

Thank you Dr. Wright for your leadership



Ruth Simmons, Ph.D. Named Interim President of Prairie View A&M University

Dr. Ruth Simmons, an accomplished university president with administrative experience in Ivy League schools, a women's university and a historically black college, has been named interim President of Prairie View A&M University.

Dr. Simmons, who retired as president of Brown University in 2012, will assume her duties July 1, following the June 12 announcement by Prairie View A&M President George Wright that he is stepping down after 14 years to return to teaching history.

"We are fortunate to have such a high-caliber scholar and administrator who can step in without missing a beat," said Texas A&M System Chancellor John Sharp. "Dr. Simmons has been an important figure on the national stage for decades. She has the credentials to be the president of any university in America. I am so excited to have her join us."

Dr. Simmons was President of Brown University from 2001 to 2012. When she retired from Brown University, she returned to her hometown of Houston where her family still lives. Prior to her time at Brown, she was President of Smith College, the nation's largest women's university; a Vice Provost at Princeton University; and a Provost at Spelman College, a historically black college.

Dr. Simmons, who attended the Houston public schools, attributed her education at Dillard University, a historically black college in New Orleans, as the pivotal opportunity in her life. She later got her Ph.D. in Romance Languages and Literatures from Harvard University.

"I was from a very poor family with 12 children, at a time when colleges were just desegregating," Dr. Simmons said. "I know how important historically black colleges and universities are for kids like I was."

Since retiring, Dr. Simmons said she had turned down other offers, but Prairie View A&M University appealed to her because of its history, its significance and its mission as well as the fact that her brother attended the university.

"I have deep roots in Texas, and I was looking for a way to do something helpful for my community," she said.

It was important, Dr. Simmons said, to start before the fall semester. Her first order of business will be to meet with the university leadership and learn the issues facing the campus community.

"My task is to listen, and to learn as quickly as I can and get started as quickly as I can," she said.

(Reprinted from Student News June 19, 2017)

<http://www.pvamu.edu/news/2017/06/19/ruth-simmons-ph-d-named-interim-president-of-prairie-view-am-university/>

Welcome to PVAMU

Did You Know?



NWHC student is Teacher of the Year

Jamie El-Aazami is an English 4 teacher at Spring High School. In addition to teaching English, Ms.

El-Aazami also serves as a coach of the school's softball team and is a sponsor for its PALS volunteer program. Each and every day, she transforms her classroom into a unique learning environment – ensuring that her students find success by making each lesson relevant.

NWHC Library hosted Jaa St. Julien

President and Chief Strategy Officer
St. Julien Communications Group
Lead Digital, Multicultural, and
Cross-Cultural Marketing Strategist.

His presentation: **The Crisis in Education: From a Global Perspective**, encouraged students to work closely with their advisors and to seek out travel opportunities. As a student he studied in China, Netherlands, Italy and other parts of Europe. St. Julien believes traveling gives you a different perspective of the world and how to negotiate it. Traveling helps you develop skills that you may not have known were deep inside. He credits his success in marketing and communications with learning from his experiences observing other cultures. His clients have included: Usher, George Foreman, Shell Oil, Wells Fargo, Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee and 7 Up.



NWHC Women's History Speaker Appointed Chancellor, MCC Kansas

Dr. Kimberly Beatty, a past Women's History speaker for the Coleman Library and NWHC was appointed Chancellor of the Metropolitan Community College system in Kansas City. She becomes the first African American female chancellor of the 3rd largest school system in the state. While speaking at Prairie View, she encouraged students to continue their education and pursue their dreams. Dr. Beatty continued to mentor and maintain relationships with PVAMU students and staff after her visit and hopes her experience inspires others.



NWHC has Flexercise

Vernon Henry, PVAMU College Recuriter, leads the class in Flexercise, a slow moving stretching, strengthening, core and abs fitness program, designed to increase flexibility, reduce stress, tone and strengthen the overall body.

Future Program

Fraud and Forensic Accounting Workshop 2017

July 31 - August 1



Larry Crumbley, CPA, CFF, CRFAC, MAFF, FCPA, RFI

Visiting Professor
Department of Accounting, Finance and MIS
Prairie View A&M University

Emeritus Professor
Department of Accounting
Louisiana State University

Dr. Crumbley is the:

- Editor, *Journal of Forensic & Investigative Accounting*,
- Former editor of the *Journal of Forensic Accounting: Auditing, Fraud, and Risk*,
- Member of Board of the American Board of Forensic Accountants,
- Former member of the NACVA's Fraud Deterrence Board, and
- On the AICPA's Fraud Task Force (2003-2004).

Creator and the first President of the AAA Forensic Accounting section, Professor Crumbley is an author of more than 65 books and 370 articles. His latest book entitled *Forensic and Investigative Accounting*, 7th edition, is published by Commerce Clearing House (800-224-7477). In 2016, Dr. Crumbley was named by the National Association of CVAs as one of only 24 Pioneers of the Profession in their Industry Titans-The Financial Consulting Profession's Most Influential. Some of his 13 educational novels (e.g., *Trap Doors and Trojan Horses* and *The Big R: A Forensic Accounting Action Adventure*) have as the main character a forensic accountant. His goal is to create a television series based upon the exciting life of a forensic accountant and litigation consultant.

Why Attend the Workshop: This workshop will provide a comprehensive coverage of forensic accounting — a hot and growing area of practice in which the knowledge, skills and abilities of advanced accounting are combined with investigative expertise and applied to legal problems. The workshop has been updated with new fraud schemes, numerous examples and stories, and many forensic techniques and tools. The workshop provides clear, step-by-step guidance on how to investigate and interview, detect and prevent various types of fraud, work with attorneys, and perform as an expert witness.

Who Should Attend: Certified public accountants, certified internal auditors, certified fraud examiners, forensic accountants, governmental accountants, attorneys, other accounting/auditing professionals and educators.

REGISTRATION

Registration Deadline: July 25, 2017 or until the maximum seating capacity is reached

Refunds & Cancellations: Cancellation requests must be sent in writing to Ms. Cynthia Williams (cywilliams@pvamu.edu) by July 15, 2017 to be eligible for a full refund. After this date, no refund requests will be honored.

Lone Star College Advisors @NWHC



In an effort to recruit more students, Tiffany Allen, Information Resource Specialist, came up with a unique idea—Recruitment Lunch and Learn with College Advisors. A pilot was started with the Lone Star College, May 4th and May 18th.

Lone Star's academic advisors had a choice of dates and were given a full introduction to all that Prairie View A&M University offers, with special emphasis placed on the education and services at the NWHC.



Professors from the various programs that are taught at the NWHC presented information about their school and answered questions that advisors might receive from potential students.

The presentations also included detailed information on scholarships and financial aid available, Veterans Affairs and Office of Recruitment. College advisers were provided information on student support services available at the NWHC, including library resources, bookstores, fitness center and computer labs.

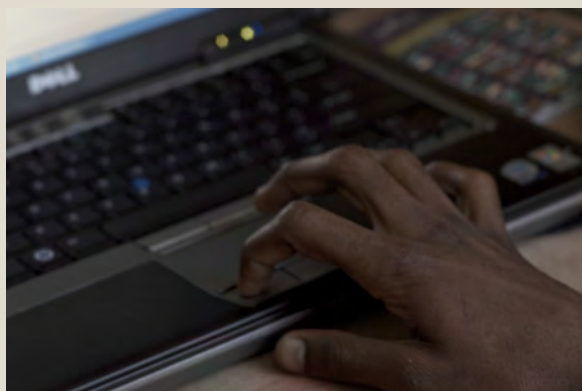


Temporary Teaching Computer Lab coming to NWHC

The NWHC will soon have a temporary teaching computer lab.

Studies have shown that computers in a lab linked to a college network are easier for the professor to use and manage. The professor is better able to monitor and limit student activities on PCs (access to the internet or certain internet sites can be blocked if necessary), than allowing students to use their own devices.

Labs tend to be more efficient in terms of amount of work done in a certain period of time. We encourage faculty to go beyond using the computer as something to learn how to use. The computer lab can be used for all types of instruction and computer workshops.

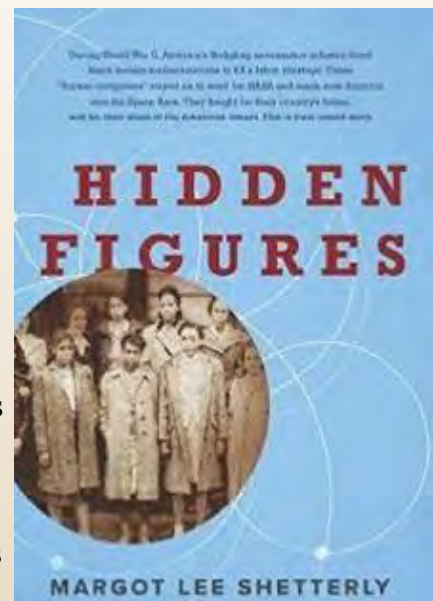




Hidden Figures Hidden Human Computers Behind the Scenes with Dr. Duchess Harris

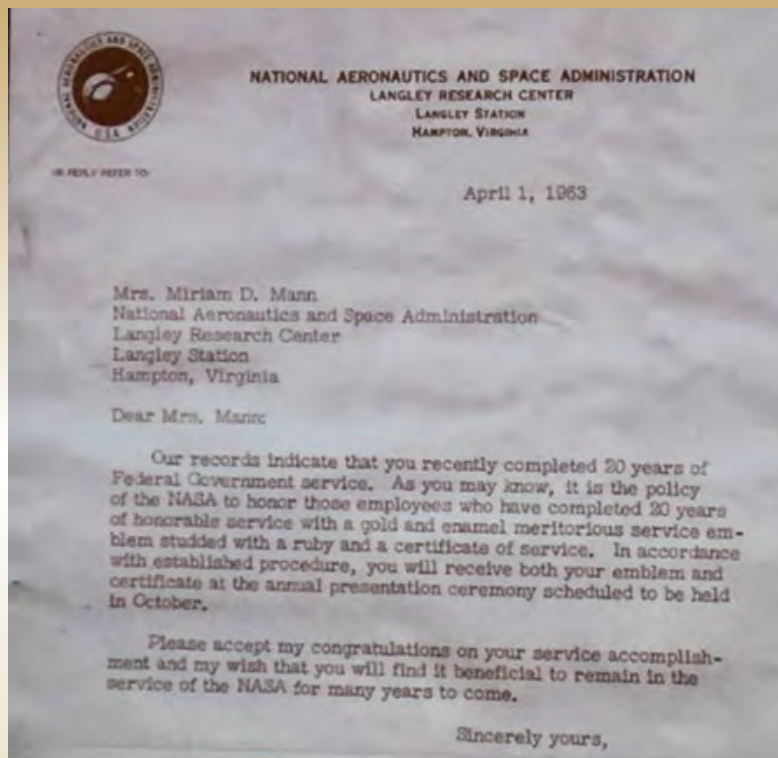
Probably by now most have seen the movie **Hidden Figures**. A story about African American women who worked for the National Aeronautical Space Administration (NASA). The movie follows the experiences of Dorothy Vaughan, Mary Jackson, Katherine Johnson and Christine Darden.

What many may not know is that the movie was based on the research conducted by Duchess Harris, whose grandmother was one of the original human computers used by the governmental agency long before it was known as NASA. Dr. Duchess Harris and Margot Lee Shetterly worked together on the research. Both had family that worked for NASA and both had an interest in telling the story about these amazing women. **Hidden Human Computers** was written by Duchess Harris, **Hidden Figures** is Margot Lee Shetterly's book.



Before NASA there was NACA, the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, the primary function of this United States department was to conduct research on the aerodynamics of aircraft. After the Russians landed on the moon in the 1950s, the focus became to outpace the world in space flight, NACA was dissolved and NASA was formed. Women were used as human computers to calculate air pressure, manometers, cause and effect of wind, etc.

Miriam Daniel Mann, the grandmother of Dr. Duchess Harris, worked as a human computer from 1943 to 1966. She worked on the aircraft that John Glenn flew when he became the first person to orbit the earth. A lot of what was shown in the movie was documented by Mrs. Mann in archives and portrayed by the actors and actresses to increase interest. Mrs. Mann worked with all of the women portrayed in the movie. The women remained friends throughout life, Mrs. Harris attended many social functions held in Mary Jackson's yard. Miriam Daniel Mann is included in the group picture featured on the cover of Margot Lee Shetterly's book.



Miriam Daniel Mann was born in Covington, GA on July 25, 1907. She graduated from Talladega College in Talladega, AL with a major in chemistry and a minor in mathematics. After teaching school a few years, she married William S. Mann, Jr. and had three children while they lived in Savannah, GA. Two of her grandchildren would grow up to become librarians.

In 1943, Mann learned about job opportunities at NACA, NASA's predecessor. Her education made her perfect for the human computer position, which was among the most demanding jobs for women of her era.

Mann's computing made significant contributions to NASA's advances between the 1940s and 1960s.

May 6, 2016 NASA dedicates the Katherine G. Johnson Computational Research Facility in Hampton, Virginia.

Important Facts

In 2016 Kathrine Johnson received the Presidential Medal of Freedom from President Barack Obama, for her outstanding technical contributions to spaceflight. The Presidential Medal of Freedom is the nation's highest civilian honor.

Katherine Johnson is the best known of the African American women human computers, played by Taraji P. Henson in the movie. In 1962 she calculated the trajectory of the Mercury space capsule reentry to Earth. Her work was so well respected that astronaut John Glenn refused to launch his craft into orbit until she confirmed the data processed by the electronic computer.

Annie Easley wrote the computer code in the 1960s for the Centaur rocket. This rocket propelled a variety of satellites and exploratory space crafts. The code was the basis of later codes used in space shuttle programs and military, weather and communication satellites.



Dr. Duchess Harris, granddaughter of Miriam D. Mann (left) and Elizabeth Jean Brumfield, Distance Services Librarian

Innovative Provides Top Choice Solution for John B. Coleman Library

Emeryville, CA—Innovative Interfaces, a leading provider of library automation software that empowers libraries globally, is pleased to announce that John B. Coleman Library at Prairie View A&M University has selected the Sierra library management system.

One of several academic libraries formerly hosted by Texas A&M University, College Station, John B. Coleman Library required a turnkey solution that could enable staff to learn quickly and work autonomously. Sierra best demonstrated the ease of use, accessibility and hosted environment the library needed to excel.

“Our entire staff was very involved in the procurement process, and each one saw something in Sierra that could help them personally improve the services they deliver,” said Karl Henson, Assistant Director of Library Services – Technical Services Library Webmaster.

Staff will now gain several efficiencies throughout the workflow process when Sierra goes live at Prairie View in September. In addition to having direct system access previously handled by an offsite systems administrator, the library can now benefit from Sierra’s roles-based design to expand capabilities across the board.

Time-saving Sierra Create Lists are especially appealing to the services desk, and the circulation department is looking forward to instituting patron record holds and having the ability to assign logins to each staff member. Complete access to an open database is also a very important factor in the library’s decision to select Sierra. “With Sierra, we are poised to get a much better handle on what is moving in circulation and what’s not,” said Henson. “Now our director can easily run statistical reports and enhance our ability to analyze trends and usage when we need it.”

“It is an honor to welcome Prairie View to a growing academic community that values the enhanced possibilities provided by our open, scalable library automation solution”, said Innovative CEO Jim Tallman. “We look forward to seeing how the library will leverage Sierra’s automated workflows and direct database connectivity to make important new contributions to the success of the students, faculty and researchers it serves.”

(Reprinted from Press release May 4, 2017, by Innovative - Press)

<https://www.iii.com/innovative-provides-top-choice-solution-john-b-coleman-library-prairie-view-university/>

Women's History Month Craft "20 Minute" Pencil Skirt

The John B. Coleman Library and the NWHC became temporary “makerspaces” during Women’s History month. A library makerspace is a designated area in a library where people of varying ages can work together, alone, or with librarians on special projects. These spaces often provide access to tools or technology that may not be associated with usual library materials such as sewing machines and 3D printers. The Distance Services Librarian, faculty, students and staff from both the NWHC and the Coleman Library used the space for a Women’s History craft sewing project, *20 Minute Pencil Skirts*.

Sewing has long been associated with reducing stress and boosting self confidence. Clinical studies reveal the stress-reducing benefits of sewing, such as lowering heart rate, and blood pressure. Studies show that sewing not only helped people to relax mentally, but the feelings of accomplishment you gain from expressing your creativity can improve your confidence.

Over 25 skirts were made and pictures of the events that were posted on Facebook got over 400 views.



Honorable Judge Clarease Yates Meet & Greet

As part of the **PVAMU Women's History Month Celebration**, the Distance Services Librarian and Coleman Library staff hosted a Meet & Greet with Honorable Judge Clarease Rankin Yates. The Meet & Greet was a prelude to the **Hatitude** celebration where Judge Yates was a guest speaker.

Judge Clarease Yates is the Senior Immigration Judge in Houston. She was appointed to the Immigration Bench in 1990, the first African-American and woman to be appointed to that judicial post in the United States.

Judge Yates is admitted and licensed to practice in the Supreme Court of the United States of America, the United States Court of Customs and Patent Appeals and the United States Court of International Trade.



Judge Yates worked as an Attorney Advisor at the United States International Trade Commission; she served as Senior Legislative Analyst for the District of Columbia's Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA) under the Marion Barry Administration; she served as an Administrative Law Judge for DCRA; Professor of Law at Texas Southern University's Thurgood Marshall School of Law.

Judge Yates is a member of both the Pennsylvania and District of Columbia Bars. She was presented the Honorable Calvin Botley Distinguished Lecture Series Award in January, 2000. In 2016, the African American Lawyer's Section of the State Bar of Texas presented Judge Yates with the 2015-2016 Distinguished Jurist Award.

Judge Yates, her husband, Cary Yates, Vice President Wells Fargo Bank, and other family members contribute to philanthropic efforts within the community, notably, Sickle Cell Disease, Houston Symphony, Houston Livestock and Rodeo.



Judge Yates mentors law students and conducts etiquette seminars and workshops for young women. She is a respected author in several fields and works tirelessly to promote justice and respect for underrepresented populations.

We thank Judge Clarease Rankin Yates for her contribution to PVAMU's Women's History Month.



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Librarianship as a Career Choice



**The Coleman Library—National Library Week
Librarianship as a Career Choice**

Reference and Instruction Services Librarian, Raquel Williams decided to coordinate a panel to discuss career options for students in librarianship, because of the dearth of persons of color in the field. She stated, "I thought we were uniquely situated as librarians and instructors at an HBCU to expose our students to our profession as a viable career choice that they might not have considered otherwise."



Students were shown different perspectives and library responsibilities. The panel consisted of Reference and Instruction Librarians, an Archivist, Distance Services Librarian and a visiting library professor.

Dr. Denice Adkins, from the University of Missouri—Columbia, is Associate Professor, School of Information Science & Learning Technologies, Library Information Science Program Chair.

Her visit to PVAMU was part of the 2016-2017 International Federation of Library Associates Mentoring program in collaboration with the American Library Association. Dr. Adkins was teamed with Distance Services Librarian, Elizabeth Jean Brumfield and had as one of their

goals to look at ways to increase interest in library employment. Ms. Brumfield started the discussion by asking the students “What did they look for in a satisfying career?” some comments were “Good paying jobs”, “Travel”, “Interesting work”, “Working with people you like”, etc. The students appeared to be really interested in learning more about library functions.

Chieko Sato Hutchinson, Reference and Instruction Librarian, shared her experiences coming to this country from Japan. Her initial career choice was to become an Art Professor, and she obtained her first degree in art history. After working in a library in graduate school, she decided to get her master degree in Library Science.

Mrs. Hutchinson’s love of art is still

strong and she uses her knowledge and experience as the liaison for the Art and Architecture Department.

Phyllis Earles, Archivist, also shares a love of art which helps in her coordinating and assisting in various university projects.

Ms. Earles is responsible for maintaining the historical documents of PVAMU and creating ways to exhibit and promote the university through those documents.

Ms. Earles has worked on numerous projects, over 30 years at PVAMU. Students were particularly interested in learning more about the documents stored in the Archives and Special Collections Department located on the 5th floor of the Coleman Library.



Libraries are stocked with books from famous authors, celebrities, sports figures and government representatives. One of the benefits of working in libraries is the opportunity to meet these interesting people. Many students weren’t familiar with some of the authors posted, such as, Selma Burke, E.J. Josey, Romare Bearden, Princess Grace, and Jean Miquel Basquiat, this provided an opportunity for a history discussion which sparked more interest in learning about librarianship.

Library News

Scholarships

The American Library Association Scholarship Program has scholarships geared toward individuals from groups currently underrepresented in the library profession. Please review the individual information and eligibility requirements of the scholarships below.

ALA Spectrum Scholarship - annually provides up to 50 students from underrepresented racial and ethnic groups with a \$5,000 tuition scholarship and \$1,500 in professional development funds as they pursue a master's degree in library and information science.

Century Scholarship - established by the Association of Specialized and Cooperative Library Agencies (ASCLA) and the Library Service to Special Populations Section (LSSPS) and the Library Service to People with Visual or Physical Disabilities Forum, the one-time award of \$2,500 funds services or accommodations not provided by the university that will enable the student to successfully complete a course of study for a Master's or Doctorate in Library Science.

LITA/LSSI Minority Scholarship - awarded annually by Library Systems and Services, Inc. and LITA in the amount of \$2,500, this scholarship is designed to encourage the entry of qualified persons into the library and automation field who demonstrate potential in and have a strong commitment to the use of automated systems in libraries and who are qualified members of a principal minority group. The recipient is announced and introduced, if present, at the LITA President's Program held during the Annual Conference of the American Library Association.

LITA/OCLC Minority Scholarship - awarded jointly annually by OCLC, Inc. and LITA in the amount of \$3,000, this scholarship is designed to encourage the entry of qualified persons into the library and automation field who demonstrate potential in and have a strong commitment to the use of automated systems in libraries and who are qualified members of a principal minority group. The recipient is announced and introduced, if present, at the LITA President's Program held during the Annual Conference of the American Library Association.

ALA also has general scholarships, scholarships for library support staff, and scholarships for speciality or practice area. All ALA Scholarships can be applied for through the ALA Scholarship Program.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact the ALA Scholarship Clearinghouse at 1-800-545-2433 ext. 4279 or scholarships@ala.org.



Librarian Selected as National Society of Collegiate Scholars' Region 5 "Advisor of the Year"

Reference Librarian Kim Gay has been selected as Region 5's "Advisor of the Year" by the National Society of Collegiate Scholars. Gay has been the sole advisor of the Prairie View A&M University NSCS chapter since 2011. According to the letter Gay received informing her of her selection, she was nominated based on her "strong leadership (skills), her consistent support of the NSCS chapter at Prairie View A&M University, and for her work with the NSS National Advisor Task Force."

In 2005, The Prairie View chapter of NSCS was chartered in the Department of Languages and Communications by Dr. James Palmer, associate provost of academic affairs. Since its establishment, the chapter has had over 700 active members and has received numerous awards including: NSCS Bronze Award 2012, 2013, 2015, 2016; Advisor Star Award for 2013; PV Choice Awards – Best Honor Society Chapter Award 2013. The following individuals serve as distinguished chapter members: George C. Wright, president of Prairie View A&M University, George Brown, Ph.D., professor, Charles Lewter, dean of the Johnson-Phillip All Faiths Chapel, Frank Jackson, governmental affairs officer, Derek Wilson, Ph.D., associate professor of Juvenile Justice and Psychology, Dejun Liu, Ph.D., associate professor of Languages and Communications, Shayla Wiggins, English enhancement professor, and Mark Tschaepe, Ph.D., assistant professor of Philosophy.

Reprint from Campus Announcements: <http://www.pvamu.edu/news/2017/06/09/librarian-selected-as-national-society-of-collegiate-scholars-region-5-advisor-of-the-year/>

The Association of Research Libraries (ARL) is accepting applications through July 13 for the 2017–2018 Fellowship for Digital and Inclusive Excellence, a program designed to introduce undergraduates from historically underrepresented ethnic and racial groups at ARL member institutions to the library and information science discipline.

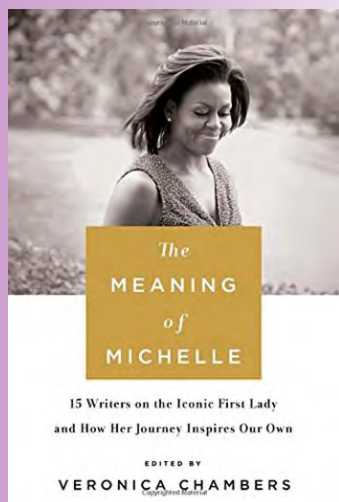
The program offers a paid internship with a focus on digital stewardship in a partner ARL library or archive, participation in the annual ARL Leadership Symposium, formal mentorship, financial support for student membership in a professional organization, and attendance at a capstone institute. Participants will develop leadership skills and will train in diversity, equity, and social justice topics.

For more information please visit the ARL website:

<http://www.share-research.org/2017/06/arl-fellowship-for-digital-and-inclusive-excellence-call-for-applications-by-july-13/>

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Publications

A book review by Distance Services Librarian, Elizabeth Jean Brumfield, was published in the Black Caucus of the American Library Association newsletter. *The Meaning of Michelle* is an anthology of 15 essays written about Michelle LaVaughn Robinson Obama, written by people who knew her well, or just admired and respected her. The book review encourages readers to enjoy the various essays as if they were conversations with a friend. It is a short read and once you start, you won't want to put it down.

Ms. Brumfield expects two other publications to be released this summer, including a legal essay, PIPEFITTERS LOCAL UNION NO. 562 et al., Petitioners v. UNITED STATES in **Money in American Politics: An Encyclopedia**, ABC-CLIO Publishers, David Schultz, Editor.

Also scheduled for publication is a review of the **Springer Nature eBooks** to be published by *Charleston Advisor*, a peer reviewed journal that specializes in evaluations of digital/electronic resources.

Free Webinars

Stay current on library trends, and discover more about where the field is headed. Industry experts lead these sponsored, 60-minute interactive presentations, which cover topics like digital publishing, research trends, and open access.

July 18, 1:00 p.m. “Academic Librarianship Today” with Yale University Library’s Todd Gilman, sponsored by Rowman & Littlefield. <http://www.choice360.org/librarianship/webinars/academic-librarianship-today>

July 20, 1:00 p.m. “American Fiction: Exploring the American Experience Through Literature,” sponsored by Gale, a Cengage Company. <http://www.choice360.org/librarianship/webinars/american-fiction>

August 24, 1:00 p.m. “Introducing Students to Discipline-Specific Research” with Nicole Rakoz, Program Manager with Gale, sponsored by Gale, a Cengage Company. www.choice360.org/librarianship/webinars/introducing-students-to...



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